

METHOD, PROGRAM, AND TOOL FOR UPDATING  
THE NATIONAL LANGUAGE VERSIONS OF DOCUMENTS

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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method is disclosed for expediting delivery of a document in a native language version and National Language  
10 versions of the document. An initial level of the native language version is translated into each of the National Language versions using a high quality translation process such as one that includes manual translation by professional translators. Any changes to this initial level are  
15 translated using a lower quality translation process such as one that includes only an automatic translation process without any manual translation. Though lower quality, this process has an average translation time per word that is less than the average translation time per word required for  
20 a higher quality translation. During the lower quality translation of the changes, an indication is inserted in association with the translated text indicating that the indicated text is not to be regarded as the final translated text, and that a further translation of the lower quality  
25 translation will be made available at a later time. This indication is inserted into the document by an automatic translation tool or program that is performing the lower quality translation. The document is first delivered in the native language and in the translated National Language  
30 versions where part of a given National language version has

text having a high quality translation and other text having  
a lower quality translation with an indication that a higher  
quality translation will be available later. Any translated  
changes having the lower quality translation are translated  
5 again using a higher quality translation process and are  
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